

Newsletter from WBFSH secretariat Vilhelmsborg, June 24th 2013



Dear Sir or Madam,

Please take care that this newsletter is forwarded to all relevant persons within your studbook.

Find the online invitation for... General Assembly and seminars 2013

Now it is possible to enrol for this year's General Assembly and seminar hosted by Polski Związek Hodowców Koni, the Polish Horse Breeders Association in Warsaw, Poland. The final invitation along with entry form, hotel reservation form etc can be found [here](#).

As mentioned in previous newsletters , October 7th – 9th are the dates that you should reserve in you calendar.

The last day of entry is September 13, 2013, to the WBFSH secretariat as usual.

Exiting news from the International Young Breeders THE WBFSH INTERNATIONAL YOUNG BREEDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013 in Bollerup, Sweden, 12th and 13th July

On 12th and 13th July the quiet southern Swedish town of Bollerup will vibrate with the energy of nearly 200 young sport horse breeders between the ages of 16 and 25 – and also their many wildly partisan trainers and supporters - when they take part in the WBFSH International Young Breeders Championships.



These championships are held every two years and are contested on a studbook team basis, so 23 studbooks will be sending representatives this year involving a total of over 170 young breeder enthusiasts. But what is the reason for this competition and why is the WBFSH involved? The answer lies in planning for the future. The outstanding success of the WBFSH World Championships for Young Dressage, Show jumping and Event horses is well known. However, every top class sports horse is the result of careful, knowledgeable work by a dedicated breeder and raiser, so how can we identify who will be able to do this in future years? This is the problem that led the WBFSH to formalise its support for the International Young Breeders Championship in 2009 by making it an official WBFSH championship and the effect this has had on this unique event has been amazing.

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First held in 2001 at Verden where it attracted teams from 16 studbooks (12 of them from Germany), then in Minderhout in 2003, Aarhus in 2005 and Ireland in 2009 –each time gathering more and more studbooks [involved](#). This year's event is generously hosted by the Swedish Warmblood (AVSH) and is organised by its hard working volunteers headed up by Elisabeth Olsson and Ann-Charlotte Cadier, without whose help and [support](#) the IYB 2013 would not have been possible.



In these straightened economic times this task has not been without its difficulties either for the organisers, for the IYB Board (Chair: Inken Graf von Platen Hallermund, Vice-Chair Norman Storey and Secretary Celia Clarke) or for the participating studbooks. It is a certain indicator of its success that new studbooks taking part including those from Hungary and SHBGB. Teams have also travelled from as far away as North America, Ireland, Great Britain, Slovenia, Poland and France as well as the usual Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium and as a result this year's entries have broken all records.

One of the main reasons for the growth of the IYB movement is that the stated purpose of the IYB championships is to bring young breeders together across breeding associations, countries and languages, which obviously has a great appeal to those wishing to develop their sports horse breeding industry in future years. The aim itself is fulfilled through a series of activities including a demanding theory test (covering breeding, feeding, stable management, health and welfare, sport and WBFSH member studbooks), a test of skill in judging loose jumping and paces of a selected group of horses, conformation assessment test and a practical demonstration of how to present a mare in hand on the triangle for grading. There are also special sections and awards for the best turn out and production and for the team's presentation of its mascot, which is always a highlight of the closing awards ceremony. Combined with a full timetable of social events and trips to local sports horse venues and studs this all makes for a very attractive event for its young participants. Selection for a senior (20 – 25 years of age) or junior (17 – 19 years) studbook team is a highly prized position in youth sections of WBFSH studbook members.

With a new championship logo (designed by the team of the American Warmblood Registry), ever growing numbers and an international [appeal](#), the IYB championships the IYB championships in 2013 will also see a further cementing of its close relationship with the WBFSH. President Jan Pedersen [will preside](#) over the Saturday night awards ceremony at the end of the championships. With over 25% of the participants certain to receive an award of some kind – either team, individual or combined in each discipline plus of course overall winning studbooks in the junior team, senior team and overall sections – this is sure to be very enjoyable conclusion to the formal competition and the beginning of some useful

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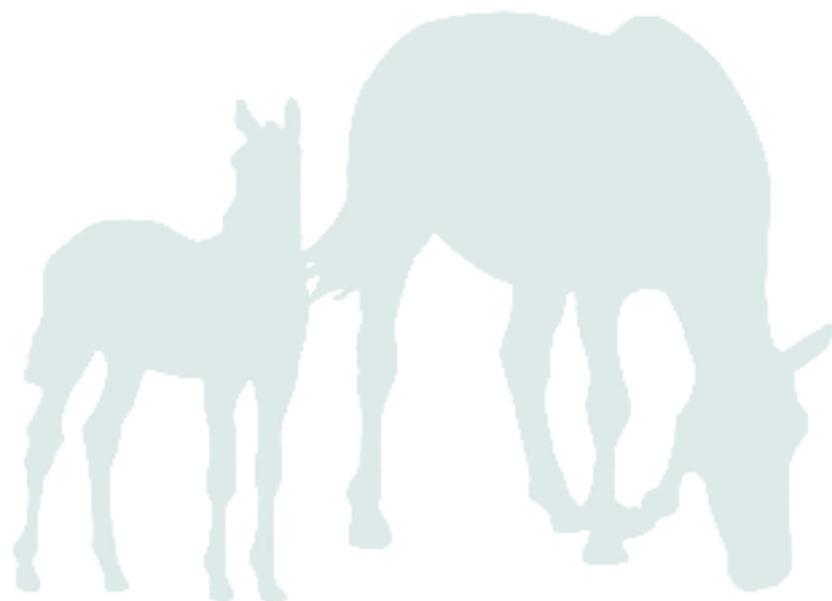
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international contacts that will continue to develop over the coming years.

Further information about the International Young Breeder Championships can be found on its web site www.young-breeders.com or you can contact Celia Clarke Tel: 00 44 1280 812281 / 00 44 7721 343077 or you can email celia@cwath.demon.co.uk for further details.



Yours sincerely,
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